

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 617

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Nashville Public Library upon its receipt of the 2017 Library of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing those venerable institutions that exist to serve their communities and perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, one such institution is Nashville Public Library (NPL), which was recently named the 2017 Library of the Year by *Library Journal* and Gale Cengage Learning, a prestigious honor that recognizes NPL as the best library in North America; and

WHEREAS, established in 1901, NPL is made up of the main branch in downtown Nashville and twenty additional branches located throughout Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, what helped NPL stand out from the rest of the contenders was the quality and scope of its programs, services, and collections; the incredible reach of its efforts in cooperation with other public agencies, departments, and local businesses; and its work to identify and fulfill needs of both the mainstream and marginalized individuals of Metropolitan Nashville; and

WHEREAS, among NPL's student initiatives are Bringing Books to Life, which supports students' success in Pre-K through high school graduation; Limitless Libraries, a partnership with Metro Nashville Public Schools that supports local public school libraries; Nashville After Zone Alliance, a network of after-school providers housed at NPL; and Studio NPL, which provides middle and high school students with access to art and digital media technologies and mentorship; and

WHEREAS, the library is also home to the Civil Rights Room, which documents the Civil Rights Movement in Nashville and supports a Civil Society initiative to explore Nashville's civil rights history and contemporary civil rights issues; and

WHEREAS, beloved by generations of Nashvillians, the library's Wishing Chair Productions is a troupe of full-time, resident performing artists who create full-scale, literacy-based puppet productions; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we recognize Nashville Public Library for its innumerable contributions and its continued devotion to serving the community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Nashville Public Library upon receiving the 2017 Library of the Year Award from *Library Journal* and Gale Cengage Learning, thank the organization for its continued service to Metropolitan Nashville, and extend our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.